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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6273

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT PFOR ET SU XA XI XF

SUBJECT: ERITREA: IS SUDANESE MEDIATION EFFORT MAKING PROGRESS?

REF: ADDIS 6191 AND PREVIOUS

1. PRESS SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY MORNING MAY 28 THAT REUTERS CARRYING REPORT OUT OF CAIRO ASSERTING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI SAID IN KHARTOUM PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ETHIOPIA AND ERITREAN REBELS HAD ACCEPTED SUDANESE PEACE PLAN FOR CEASE-FIRE, AMNESTY FOR SEPARATISTS AND PEACE TALKS WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

2. SUDANESE EMBASSY HERE RECEIVED OVER NOON HOUR TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY FROM KHARTOUM OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S STATEMENTS TO NEWSMEN INVITED TO COVER SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF SUDANESE MAY REVOLUTION. CONCERNING ERITREA, SUDANESE COLLEAGUE TRANSLATED BULLETIN'S ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S STATEMENTS AS FOLLOWS: "SUDAN CONSIDERS THE ERITREAN PROBLEM AS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM OF ETHIOPIA. THE PRESIDENT (NIMEIRI) SAID THAT HE WAS TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH  
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HIS INITIATIVE CONTACT BETWEEN THE 'FRATERNAL PARTIES' OR AT

LEAST A REDUCTION OF THE DIFFERENCES EXISTING BETWEEN THEM.  
THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HIS CONTACTS WITH THE LEADERS OF  
ERITREAN ORGANIZATIONS IN KHARTOUM ARE KNOWN TO THE ETHIOPIAN  
AUTHORITIES." SUDANESE COLLEAGUE SAID HIS EMBASSY HAD TO DATE  
RECEIVED NOTHING FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. QUERIED ABOUT REUTERS DISPATCH, ACTING HEAD MOFA'S AFRICAN  
AND MID-EAST DEPARTMENT, ASSEFA LEGESSE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE  
HAD "READ IT WITH SURPRISE AS TO ITS SUBSTANCE." HE DID NOT  
RPT NOT THINK MOFA LIKELY GO BEYOND THAT STATEMENT IN REACTING  
TO REUTERS BULLETIN.

4. COMMENT: REUTERS MAY BE AHEAD OF THE FACTS -- OR NIMEIRI  
MAY HAVE HAD OWN REASONS FOR FLOATING SUCH A STATEMENT. ASSEFA  
LEGESSE LEFT IMPRESSION MOFA WORKING LEVEL TAKEN ABACK BY REUTERS  
STORY.  
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